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**HERSETH SANDLIN AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE VILSACK DISCUSS BIOFUELS**

**Sioux Falls, SD (October 30, 2010)** – Today, U.S. Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin hosted U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD. Secretary Vilsack and Rep. Herseth Sandlin held a panel discussion and question-and-answer session on the biofuels industry and the rural economy. They highlighted new USDA initiatives to install 10,000 blender pumps and develop aviation biofuel; the leadership role of South Dakota in all aspects of biofuels; and the future opportunities for South Dakota producers.

“I was so pleased that Secretary Vilsack was able to join me in Sioux Falls. Hearing from and meeting with those who are involved in this industry first hand has an incomparable value,” said Herseth Sandlin.

Herseth Sandlin has made biofuels a priority in the House of Representatives, including leading the effort in the House to win approval of E15, the first step of which was announced this month, with the approval of E15 for light duty vehicles from model years 2007 and later.

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